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ORDERS TO PUSH MORMONISM

SENT THROUGH THE WEST BY THE CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

It is Growing Faster, Perhaps, Than Any Other Church, but Its Rulers Are Not Satisfied—Its Perfect Missionary Organization—Talk of Polygamy Tabooed.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 1.—Notwithstanding the hard blows aimed at Mormonism in the Reed Smoot hearing at Washington, the militant missionary branch of the Church is preparing for a vigorous campaign for recruits. In each of the Western States it maintains headquarters.

Orders have reached here to push the work of proselyting as never before. Last year more than 5,000 missionaries were employed in this work, and this year the total number assigned will not be less than 7,000.

Most of these recruits are young men, who report to elders, men grown gray in the service of the Church. These missionaries bring to the work zeal and earnestness that mean many converts in the course of the year. The perfection of the organization of the Church is illustrated by the methods employed in proselyting.

At Salt Lake City and two other points schools are maintained in which the work of personal evangelization is taught. The brightest and best talkers among the younger Mormons are selected for this work. They are specially drilled in the tenets of the faith and are made thoroughly familiar with the Bible and the application of its passages to Mormonism. Before they are sent forth they receive a thorough test and examination.

The Church organization is extended over any part of the country where Mormonism is planted among the people. In Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa its progress has been curtailed because most of the converts made in these States are urged to emigrate to the Northwest, where the necessities of the Church call for speedy increase of power.

This section, as well as the States of the middle West, is still counted as within the missionary field, and here different tactics are pursued, although the basis of the plan is the same. A campaign is carefully planned from headquarters. Men have previously been sent into various parts of a State to spy out profitable territory. If the investigations disclose a Roman Catholic community or one peopled by Europeans with equally tenacious ideas about religion, little time is spent.

The most favored sections are those where Norwegians, English, Germans, Swedes and emigrants from eastern States predominate. It was early discovered that the emigration to these sections was largely from that class of people which found its means too small in the older settled sections to purchase land at prevailing prices—the homeseekers with small means, in other words.

When a section is favorably reported upon, missionaries are sent there. There is a perfect division of territory, so that no effort is wasted. The missionaries generally travel by twos. Each is garbed in black and carries a Bible in hand or coat pocket. They go up to a house, knock, and when they gain the attention of the

occupants proceed to push their work with all of the pertinacity of the veteran book agent. If they receive the slightest encouragement they come again and again. They are under instructions to pick out thrifty, prosperous and industrious citizens of the middle class, and where possible these receive substantial inducements to join the colonies in the Northwest.

These missionaries are careful to state that Mormonism has eschewed the doctrine of polygamy, and they not only do not teach it, but teach against it. The younger Mormons, as a matter of fact, are opposed to polygamy. It has long been recognized as an unnatural condition in a civilized country, and education is making it more repugnant to the younger of both sexes. Many of them refuse to countenance it in any way.

The Church organization is so compact that it is possible for it to act quickly, and the mail and telegraph are freely used to transmit edicts. Within two days after President Smith has formulated one, it is in the hands of every Mormon Church officer within a radius of 1,000 miles. Discipline is rigorous, maintained, and disobedience has met with such prompt punishment that it is rare nowadays.

It is asserted that the Mormon Church is growing more rapidly than any other in the world, and all credit is laid to the thorough organization for evangelization. Recruits are coming from all parts of the globe, and the general policy of the Church to mass its strength in Utah and adjoining States is still being followed.

Half of the vote in Salt Lake City is cast by Mormons, and in the remainder of the State the Church holds 80 per cent. of the total. In Idaho nearly a third of the voters are Mormons, and this fact has given the leaders there immense political power, since by throwing it one way or the other political control is fixed. There is no fanatical political feeling among Mormons, and they are not the enemies of the Church, which has many eminent politicians on its official roll.

The Mormons have a unique way of suppressing jealous and quarrelling wives. When one starts trouble in the household the husband reports the matter to the nearest neighbor, who is the ruler of the district. He calls at once upon her, informs her that she must be a good and obedient wife, because no woman can enter the presence of God except through her husband. This is one of Mormonism's strongest tenets. It not only makes old maids scarce in Utah, but keeps divorce at a minimum, since women there, as elsewhere, are the strongest believers in the religion.

The Washington (Kan.) Republican printed the other week a letter from a former editor, L. A. Palmer, who is selling books in Utah. He has been able, by reason of his business, to see the domestic side of Mormon life, and he says there are many plural wives. He gives this peculiar instance:

"One case that came under my attention is unique. I called at a home in a residential part of the city and met a cultured English lady whose husband is one of the Church historians. This lady was busy with friends and asked me to call the next day. I did so and the mother of the lady met me at the door and said that her elder daughter was out, but that the younger daughter was in the parlor and wanted to see me.

"I soon learned that this younger daughter's husband was one of the Church historians and that he was in Europe on a missionary tour, getting recruits for the Mormon Church. These cultured English women had the same family name, their husbands were Church historians and in Europe. This awakened my suspicions. "Upon investigation I discovered that both women, sisters, were wives of the same man, and, more than that, the mother of these two wives was the man's first wife. All three women, mother and two daughters, lived in the same house, and all had children by this man."

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